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Title

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR AUTOMATIC DETECTION

AND TESTING OF GEOMETRIC AND/OR TEXTURAL

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OBJECT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delite "one of the preceding claims", and insert/--claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims", and insert -claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "one of claims 7 through 10", and insert -- claim 7--.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of claims 7 through 11", and insert --claim 7--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "one of claims 7 through 13", and insert --claim 7--.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments, consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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